



## Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee

1<sup>st</sup> Floor City Council Conference Room Area 'B'

Monday February 10, 2014

### APPROVED MINUTES

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

George 'Andy' Anderson, Lance 'Scott' Garver,  
Michael Petersen, Phil Salvatore, Eddie Thomas

#### Regular Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER** Meeting was called to order at 5:35

#### ROLL CALL

Present: M. Petersen, A. Anderson, P. Salvatore, S. Garver  
Absent: Dennis Speer, E Thomas, Chief R. Strand, R. McQuiston  
Staff: K. Harker,  
Councilmember Morgan was present at meeting tonight  
Mr. Thomas arrived at 5:55 pm

The Chair recognized Councilmember Morgan and stated that he would only be able to speak during public comment of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** *Motion To Approve Agenda Was Made By Mr. Anderson, Seconded by Mr. Salvatore. Motion Carried By Voice Vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** *Mr. Salvatore would like the minutes to reflect that on Page 2 he stated "Mr. Salvatore disagreed and would not have made across the board cuts especially sacrificing eight (8) officers at Ridgecrest police department. Absent Measure L funds council would have eliminated other services to save others." Also on page four he noticed that the word "past" needed to be replaced with "pass" and that the word "posterity" needed to be replaced with "posterity". Motion To Approve Minutes of January 27, 2014 Meeting as Amended Was Made By Mr. Anderson Second by Mr. Salvatore Motion Carried as Amended By Voice Vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 Abstain.*

#### PUBLIC COMMENT OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public comment was opened at 5:42. There was no public comment

#### DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- **Update Final Report**
  - **Discussions and possible editing of Final Report**

Changes to the final report have been marked and we can start at page 2 and run through the comments. Chair tried to reword in blue and made changes by

deleting with a cross-out and ballooning along the side. The Committee decided to review each page and record with “no changes” and “accepts” or make the changes in the comment section.

Page Number	Comments	Accept
1		
2	No Changes	Accepted
3	No Changes	Accepted
4	No Changes	Accepted
5	No changes	Accepted
6 Section 2.1	The committee discussed AB109 and how it affected the community and how the committee can add it into the verbiage. The Chair will add a paragraph into the 2.1 section. The Chair asked Mr. Garver to type up this section so it can be added to the report	
7 sec 2.4 table 2-1	Have an extra column to show the reappointments. Chosen for 1 year and then reappointed for 4 more years (the two members Anderson and Garver)	
8	Discussed having a bar chart for \$\$ along with the line chart that shows the percentages of budget for the major departments	New Bar Graph
9 3.2 para 2	Chair asked Mr. Salvatore to draft the paragraph and send it to him so that he can put it into draft. Mr. Salvatore needs to evaluate the CAFR for contents and update the FY 13 for the final report	
10	Grammar changes and deletions of paragraph 3.3	
11	No Changes	Accepted
12 3.7	Change Chip-seal to Micro-paving	
13	No changes	Accepted
14	No changes	Accepted
15	The committee would like to see the 1.5 million list of road that is needed for the Measure L by the Street Department. Karen Harker will look into finding that information	
16	Options 1,2,3, delete The Chair will look at the options to see if they can be added into the report	
17	No changes	Accepted
18	No changes	Accepted

19	No changes	Accepted
20	No changes	Accepted
21 - 23	See comment below	
24 Public Comment	No Comment	Accepted
25 Section 6	See Comment Below	
26	No Comment - except for references	
27	Need to state that Councilman Steven Morgan replaced Councilman Jason Patin and Dennis Speer is now City Manager. Karen Harker will get a list of radio stations.	
28	No Comment	Accept
29	No Comment	Accept
30	This came up in the last meeting. Mr. Petersen thought it could go in as a historical document and be included as part of the report. Mr. Garver, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Salvatore all feel that this document needs to be in the document as well. Reference Response to Mayor's Letter.	

**Page 21-23:** The Chair asked the committee if they would like to have Table 2 look more like Table 1. Mr. Anderson feels that if there is anything that is relevant to Measure L Funding you can see it quickly in Table 2. Table 1 can be a little more mundane and he felt that if he was getting tired of reading it would the public also get tired of reading. Mr. Garver felt that the public comment needs to stay in 4.1 and also keep 4.2. Both tables had valuable information separate from one another. The Committee went on to discuss how Council (the date was hard to determine) was going to use Measure L Funds for the Parks & Recreation Department and then also use Community Development Block Grant Money (CDBG) for ADA Ramps and bike paths and Measure L Funds for the Senior Center Building and Boys and Girls Club. We should probably call out any moments that money was proposed with Measure L funds and then have it show how it was resolved. Mr. Anderson volunteered to do some research after the election and the new City Council had been seated their discussion with the Senior Center and Boys and Girls Club. The Chair asked if he could document what he found and submit to him so that he could then add it to the table.

**Page 25 Summary of findings:** Through public comment and committee response, the Committee needs to show that funds have been expended

properly through Public Safety and the Streets Department. The Chair feels that the Committee needs to document Measure L Funds accurately so that the public has a good representation of what has transpired.

Mr. Salvatore feels that the committee needs to record what happened even if it makes some people feel uncomfortable. There were challenges in the report showed by Dennis Speer and that the report didn't actually record findings.

Mr. Anderson didn't feel that there should be a negative aspect to the report. He wanted the public to have a positive perception. He feels that if in four years that the community needs to vote for a measure again that they have something that is not all negative.

Mr. Garver felt that the committee didn't need to go to a binary report and that the committee needed to include all facts that come from the council and the committee. Mr. Garver has been hearing in the community about how many feet of roads were paved or how many cars or how many police officers have been funded by Measure L Funds. This is what the citizens want to know. We need to have a table that shows this in our report.

Future plans: table of roads and projects for review of the community.

- **Discuss Possible Meeting of February 17, 2014**

Due to the Holiday the Meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> will take place as a Special Meeting on February 18, 2014 at 5:30 pm.

#### **Public Comments**

**Stan Ratorja** – Would like to see a chart on how the money was spent and where it was at before such as in a bar chart. He would like for the committee not to make a recommendation but just record the facts in the report to the public and have the public make their own determinations on what they feel they need to do in regards to another measure.

**Ronald Porter** – Was glad to hear that they weren't going to delete history from the document and keep it in. I thank you for your job well done. You are here to inform the public and doing a great job. Doing anything less than that is deceitful. I would also like to see a chart of money (such as a bar graph) and where it went. Mr. Porter also discussed the letter from the Mayor.

**Mike Neel** - Mr. Neel asked that he be able to submit materials to committee. Karen Harker informed Mr. Neel that at this time the committee would be unable to receive the materials due to the Resolution 13-01 adopted by the Committee that states all materials must be received 72 hours in advance. Mr. Huey stated at this time that the Resolution was not a legal document and that

we should receive the documents and hear on them. Mr. Neel gave them to Karen Harker for the next meeting and will be discussed on February 18, 2014. Mr. Neel did discussed how the police department is receiving most of the Measure L Funding and that it is not going into the roads as was previous campaigned for.

**Paul Vanderwerf** – have you received the writing of the CAFR report. The Auditor just presented the letter of the CAFR report. No meaning of the report to you at this time. You need to have that meaningful milestone. The Committee might want to consider in future years the February 28<sup>th</sup> date is too tight of a timeline. It might be that the audit comes up with an issue that the committee might need to address and they don't have time to do anything about it.

**Al Huey** – agree with including historical references for prior years. Discussed the public who took a stand and how they stood up for the committee during a time when there was controversy. There were citizens who voted for Measure L to fix the streets not for ADA compliance. All this might be negative but it's only fair that the citizens have the facts to look at. He also feels that the resolution needs to be looked at so that items can be looked at and submitted into the committee at the time of public comment.

## **CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

**Mr. Garver** – councilmember and staff that the irony was lost on the committee; I also understand that Ms. McQuiston had an issue with the term "backfilled" and how it questioned her integrity. I feel that the tone was set by the Council and that the report is something that is muted and tone was set by the City and funds were moved and being "colored" so to speak. The City has not put a good face on anything that has dealt with Measure L Funding. I would not have voted for anything that didn't have the Letter in it or any of the wordings that we have been working on.

**Mr. Salvatore** – I second what Mr. Garver said and I was very disheartened with the committee and if there was a re-visioning of what the committee had to do from what had taken place at the last committee meeting I would have resigned. I don't need to make the council look good. That is there responsibility. I'm to report on what happens with Measure L Funding.

**Mr. Anderson** – I don't think we need to editorialize what the City Council has done over the last few years.

**Mr. Thomas** – I'm concerned that Mr. Salvatore was ready to resign and that he felt the committee was going to cave in. I have always maintain that we received the letter and I have just have always wanted to extend the olive branch and let it go and have this committee press forward. We have a job to do. As a committee I would like to see us do it.

**Mr. Petersen** – I want to thank committee members and public for comments and edits to help provide a document that will provide the citizens a clearer understanding of what the Measure L Committee has been doing.

## **SUPPORT STAFF COMMENTS**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Review of Final Report  
Council Action on Early Items

## **NEXT MEETING:**

- **Special Meeting - February 18, 2014**

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting was adjournment 7:35